

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electroplating solution for plating tin-bismuth solder coatings comprising:
 - a sulfonic acid electrolyte;
 - a tin compound soluble in the electrolyte to form a tin sulfonate;
 - a bismuth compound soluble in the electrolyte to form a bismuth sulfonate;
 - a non-ionic surfactant;
 - a grain refiner; and
 - an antioxidant.
2. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the tin compound comprises a tin sulfonate.
3. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the bismuth compound comprises a bismuth sulfonate.
4. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the tin compound comprises tin methanesulfonate and the bismuth compound comprises bismuth methanesulfonate.
5. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the sulfonic acid electrolyte comprises a soluble alkane or alkanol sulfonic acid containing 1-5 carbon atoms.
6. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the sulfonic acid comprises methanesulfonic acid.

7. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the non-ionic surfactant comprises polyethylene glycol-block-polypropylene glycol with a molecular weight between 2000 and 10,000.

8. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the non-ionic surfactant comprises polyethylene glycol-ran-polypropylene glycol with a molecular weight between 2,000 and 10,000.

9. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the non-ionic surfactant comprises ethylenediamine tetrakis polyethylene glycol-block-polypropylene glycol tetrol with a molecular weight between 2,000 and 7,000.

10. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the antioxidant comprises polyhydroxybenzine.

11. The electroplating solution of claim 1 wherein the grain refiner comprises an acrylic acid.